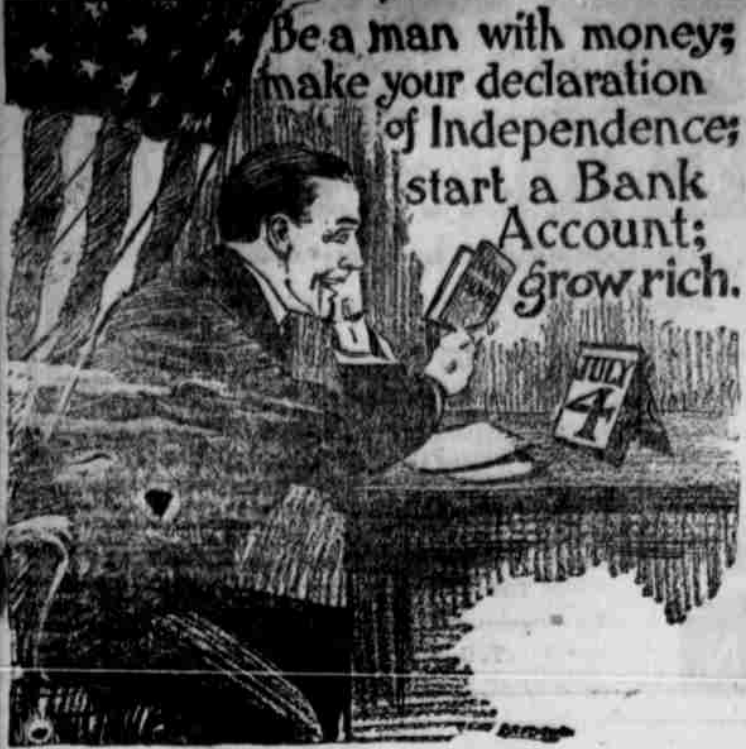


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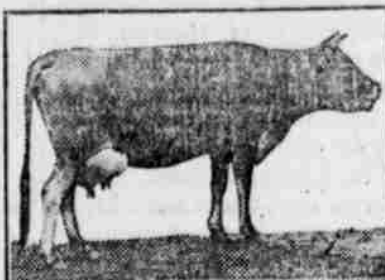
DAIRY FACTS

BETTER STANDARD OF DAIRY

Farmers Allow City Dairymen to Pick Out Best Producers in Herd—Quality Deteriorates.

It seems to be true that the quality of the farm dairy herds is of a much lower standard in practically every way than those of the city dairymen. This really works to the detriment of the farmer and yet he is to blame for the whole thing. The city dairymen who must buy all of his feed knows that he cannot afford to keep a cow unless she is a real producer, therefore he goes out into the country and persuades the farmer to part with the very best cows in his herd. The cow is taken to the city and worked as hard as possible until she begins to fail, when she is sold to the butcher. All of her calves have gone to the same place and thus we see that nothing whatever has been done toward building up the standard of the dairy animals of the country.

Circumstances make it necessary that the city dairymen should make a very close study of the business and



Heavy-Producing Cow.

knowledge thus acquired enables him to take advantage of the average farmer when he goes out into the country in search of cows to add to his herd. Very seldom does he consider buying the cows that the farmer is willing to dispose of but he ferrets out those that he is confident are the real producers and, be it said to the credit of his shrewdness, he usually gets what he wants.

Such sales are bound to keep any herd down to a mediocre standard because the cows that really produced a profit are gone, also there is but small likelihood of any improvement because calves from poor cows seldom prove more valuable than their dam. Such methods usually allow the quality of the herd to deteriorate.

SALTING IS NICE OPERATION

Should Be as Near Absolutely Pure as Possible—Used for Flavoring and Preserving.

Salting the butter is a nice operation which requires considerable knowledge and care to be done properly. In the first place, the butter must be washed until entirely free from buttermilk before the salt is added. The salt should be as near absolutely pure as can be purchased and the finer it is the better. One ounce of salt to one pound of butter, added to the butter gradually and well worked in, is the rule.

It is advisable to permit the butter to stand after salting for 24 hours if possible, then work it over and put it in prints or pack it for market as desired. Salt is added to butter with a twofold purpose. First as a flavoring element and also as a preservative. Water holds in solution an enormous quantity of salt and the salt in butter absorbs the water which persists in the butter in spite of much work and makes the product proper as it comes to the table, nearly dry. The amount of water in the usual sample of butter runs between 10 and 12 per cent. There is no stop in the production of good butter more important than the salting.

EXPENSE OF RAISING HEIFER

Must Be Worth More Than \$60 When Two Years Old to Be Profitable to Dairy Farmer.

Investigations made by the department of agriculture indicate that the average cost of raising a heifer on a dairy farm in the northern and eastern sections is about \$61 at the end of her second year; this includes an allowance of \$7.81 for labor. The heifer is given a credit of \$8 for the manure she produces. Thus it appears that the dairy farmer in the sections mentioned cannot afford to raise a heifer that is not worth more than \$60 when two years old.

GOOD COWS TO CONTEMPLATE

Time, Patience and Effort Are Required to Secure Butterfat—Prize Is Worth While.

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